

What do Production Workers do?

Production workers are involved in manufacturing all kinds of goods and components in a variety of sectors, including pharmaceuticals, food and drink processing, and light and heavy engineering machinery and production line operation – one of the key duties is to operate machinery used in the production process. Assembly and finishing – workers may be involved in assembly work, putting together component parts on a production line. Some production workers carry out finishing work, which involves cleaning the products, smoothing rough edges or applying protective coatings, often using hazardous chemicals. Packing, storage and dispatch – some duties include the use of packaging equipment to prepare products for shipment.

Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have many of employment opportunities as a production worker, but first you will need to complete training and earn a certificate. Some employers may prefer you to have previous experience on a production line, and forklift training could be useful for some jobs.

As a Production Worker you will:

- ➤ Assemble goods on a production line, like fitting circuit boards into computers
- Clean and maintain work areas and machinery
- Finish products, for example applying protective coatings.
- Measure, grade and feed batches of raw materials into production machinery

Production Workers are in demand in Lake County!

Lake County employment of production workers is expected to increase through the year 2020.

- Monitor the production process and carry out basic testing and quality checks
- Operate production line equipment
- ➤ Package goods ready for shipment
- Report equipment faults to maintenance staff

Production Worker

Training Providers

The following certified training provider offers training programs for production workers:

Harper College

Training is of no cost, based upon eligibility.



Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire production workers in Lake County, including:

- Auto manufacturers
- Clothing manufacturers
- Food manufacturers
- Power plants

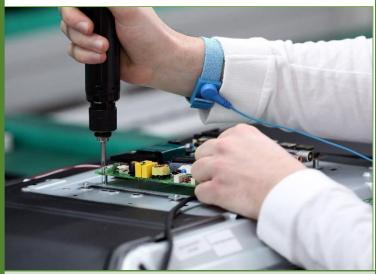
Wages & Openings

Production Worker Employment Data for Lake County	
Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$9.04
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$15.12
Average Annual Job Openings Lake County	34
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	686

Opportunities

After you receive your training as a production worker, you will have many opportunities for advancement, including:

- Lead shift manager
- Senior production supervisor
- Quality inspector



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